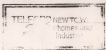


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SERVICE HISTORY AND EXPERIENCE IN THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

Enlisted for Boys' Service in 1938.

Senior NCO Aircrew before being commissioned as a Pilot Officer in the General Duties (Flying) Branch 1942.

- 1942-1943 - Flying on operations in the Middle East and West Africa with No 95 Squadron (Sunderland Flying Boats).
- 1943-1944 - Flying in the West Indies and ferrying aircraft across the Atlantic from USA and Canada to Prestwick, Scotland.
- 1944-1945 - Flying on Operations over Germany in Bomber Command with No 199 Squadron (Stirling Aircraft) and No 223 Squadron (Liberator Aircraft).
- 1945-1949 - Flying on all the overseas routes in Transport Command, with No 24, No 48 and Far East Communications Squadrons. Awarded the Air Force Cross (AFC) for flying duties in the Far East in January 1949.
- 1950-1951 - Signals Specialist Course at RAF Technical College. Transferred to the Technical Branch of the Royal Air Force with a Permanent Commission, as Flight Lieutenant.
- 1951-1952 - Worked with the United States Air Force as an Electronics Officer. Responsible to American Major for approximately 50 mixed tradesmen and NCOs.
- 1953-1954 - Appointed to command a new RAF Radar Station constructed in 1953, with full responsibility for nearly 200 service personnel.
- 1955-1956 - Senior Signals Officer at the Central Navigational Control School Shawbury. Responsible for 150 service personnel and 50 civilian men and women.
- 1956-1957 - Staff Officer Middle East HQ in Aden. Responsible for the planning of all radio facilities on airfields and radio installations in aircraft.
- 1958 - Senior Signals Officer, RAF Topoliffe. Responsible for approximately 100 RAF service personnel. Tasks: training navigators.
- 1959 - Senior Signals Officer, RAF Shawbury. Similar responsibilities as at RAF Topoliffe, but including the training of Air Traffic Controllers.
- 1960-1961 - Staff Officer Electronics, HQ 11 Gp, Fighter Command. Planning and installing radio facilities at airfields and electronic installations in fighter aircraft.
- 1961-1962 - Staff Officer Electronics, HQ 12 Gp, Fighter Command. Similar responsibilities as for HQ No 11 Gp.

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1962-1965 - Staff Officer HQ Far East Air Force Singapore. Responsible for implementing Ministry of Defense Policy. Planning and installing the radio facilities at all the units in the Far East theatre, responsible also for all the electronic installations fitted in aircraft in FMAF. Controlled a staff of 12 officers and 8 SMOO specialists. Appointed as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) 1st January 1966 (for services rendered in the Far East (including Borneo)).

1966 to present date. Assistant Commandant and Senior Training Officer at No 2 School of Technical Training, RAF Cosford. In control of a staff of approximately 600 Officers, SMOOs, civilians, airmen and airwomen. Responsible for all aspects of training of nearly 1,000 students on various training courses from one week to three years duration. Students range from Apprentices 15½ years to 20½ years old, to adult men and women, RAF Officers' courses and courses for foreign air force officers, NCOs and airmen.

During my Service career I have been responsible for:

- a. Making decisions involving the expenditure of very large sums of money.
- b. RAF property and installations worth many millions of pounds sterling, the security and safe-guarding of which was my personal responsibility.
- c. Planning and implementing numerous projects from scratch in different parts of the world involving the construction of buildings, many of which were special to type. Transporting the necessary equipment half way round the world, to fit into the buildings and progressing the projects to completion. This was often done working under considerable pressure (War in Malaya, Aden and Borneo) and under trying conditions to meet critical target dates.
- d. The welfare, discipline and well being of a considerable number of staff, both men and women, Service and civilian, and helping personnel with their many problems. Have also had experience with the Civil Service Union, Whitley Council and on one occasion, the Transport and General Workers Union.

In addition to the above I have:

- a. Served as a member on a number of Courts Martial, also served as President of Unit, Formal Investigation and Boards of Inquiry.
- b. Had familiarity training in works study and man management and have had occasion to put this training to good use in the various organisations I have controlled.
- c. Travelled extensively all over the world and have a good working knowledge of major countries, most of which I have visited during my service.

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- d. Current experience with the Quality and Reliability Group in Stafford. I attended their meetings, concerned with a number of civilian firms in the area.
- e. Arranged itineraries and escorted VIPs and civilian dignitaries, also organised Service ceremonies, parades, social events, dinner nights, and other functions, many of which are concerned with civilian organizations and civilian dignitaries.
- f. Mixed with all the various classes of people in the social structure, both in the United Kingdom and overseas. This ability to mix well and generally to get on with all sorts of people is, I believe, a very great asset of mine.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

Born in Liverpool 16th May 1921. Married for 21 years; two children - son aged 16, daughter 19.

At present I hold a permanent commission in the Royal Air Force until the age of 55.

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NOTE: Possibly my greatest asset is the ability to mix well and generally get on with people in all walks of life.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

Born Liverpool on 16th May 1921. Married for twenty years, wife's christian name Rowena, two children, a son 15 years and a daughter 18 years.

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